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TO: Executive Directors

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SUBJECT: Policy Memo May 7, 2013

Waiver of LIHEAP Weatherization-Related Repair (WRR) and Savings-to-

Investment Ratio (SIR) Requirement - Extension

The October 2, 2012 Policy memo identified that a temporary policy waiver was warranted to allow time to reassess program policies as part of the Weatherization Futures Disappearing Task Force (Wx Futures DTF) planning, as well as allow local agencies time to make budgetary and system adjustments where needed to comply with the policy.

The Wx Futures DTF is working on policy improvements and clarification, including 1) alignment between TREAT audit and priority list, and 2) DOE approval of revised priority list and WRR cost policy. To allow additional development time the following waiver is extended until September 30, 2013:

Weatherization-Related Repair Policy Waiver:

For the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, weatherization-related repairs (WRR) funded with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will not require a savings-to-investment ratio (SIR) to be calculated. See attached: the revised Exhibit 6, Fund Matrix and Policy 5.4, Weatherization-Related Repair.

I encourage you to review the current WRR policies, since all other policies remain in place.

Policy Memo May 7, 2013 Waiver of LIHEAP WRR and SIR Requirement

This Policy Memo and revised Policies will be available on **Commerce's website**.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Judith Darst at (360) 725-2954 or email her at <u>judith.darst@commerce.wa.gov</u>.

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